GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2006
TAMPERING OF SHIVALINGA IN AMARNATH CAVES
Jai Prakash Shri

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any enquiry about the alleged tampering of Shivalinga in Amarnath Cave in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, the points on which the enquiry has been conducted alongwith the agency that has been entrusted with this investigation;

(c) whether the Government has received the enquiry report;

(d) if so, the salient features of the said report; and

(e) the follow up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board has been constituted by an Act passed by the Jammu and Kashmir State Legislature on 14th November 2000 for the better management of the Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, upgradation of facilities for holy pilgrims and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. As per the information made available by the State Government, the Governor, Jammu and Kashmir, who is the ex-officio Chairman of Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board, has appointed one-man Commission of Shri Justice (Retd.) K.K. Gupta of Jammu and Kashmir High Court on 29th June 2006 to enquire inter-alia into the allegations of tampering with the size and shape of the holy ice lingam at Shri Amarnathji Cave.